

EFFECT:

- Removes language providing additional LEA funding to remote and necessary small school plants;
- Adjusts the enrollment tiers for additional LEA funding for small school districts;
- Clarifies that only small school districts eligible for LEA will receive additional funding.

1 AN ACT Relating to local effort assistance for small school
2 districts; and amending RCW 28A.500.015.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.500.015 and 2019 c 410 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Beginning in calendar year 2020 and each calendar year
7 thereafter, the state must provide state local effort assistance
8 funding to supplement school district enrichment levies as provided
9 in this section.

10 (2)(a) For an eligible school district with an actual enrichment
11 levy rate that is less than one dollar and fifty cents per thousand
12 dollars of assessed value in the school district, the annual local
13 effort assistance funding is equal to the school district's maximum
14 local effort assistance multiplied by a fraction equal to the school
15 district's actual enrichment levy rate divided by one dollar and
16 fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value in the school
17 district.

18 (b) For an eligible school district with an actual enrichment
19 levy rate that is equal to or greater than one dollar and fifty cents
20 per thousand dollars of assessed value in the school district, the

1 annual local effort assistance funding is equal to the school
2 district's maximum local effort assistance.

3 (c) Beginning in calendar year 2022, for state-tribal education
4 compact schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW, the annual
5 local effort assistance funding is equal to the actual enrichment
6 levy per student as calculated by the superintendent of public
7 instruction for the previous year for the school district in which
8 the state-tribal education compact school is located, up to a maximum
9 per student amount of one thousand five hundred fifty dollars as
10 increased by inflation from the 2019 calendar year, multiplied by the
11 student enrollment of the state-tribal education compact school in
12 the prior school year.

13 (d) For a school district that meets the criteria in this
14 subsection and is located west of the Cascades in a county that
15 borders another state, the annual local effort assistance funding is
16 equal to the local effort assistance funding authorized under (b) of
17 this subsection and additional local effort assistance funding equal
18 to the following amounts:

19 (i) Two hundred forty-six dollars per pupil in the 2019-20 school
20 year for a school district with more than twenty-five thousand annual
21 full-time equivalent students; and

22 (ii) Two hundred eighty-six dollars per pupil in the 2019-20
23 school year for a school district with more than twenty thousand
24 annual full-time equivalent enrolled students but fewer than twenty-
25 five thousand annual full-time equivalent enrolled students.

26 (e) Beginning in calendar year 2021, for small school districts
27 that are eligible for local effort assistance funding, the annual
28 local effort assistance funding is equal to the local effort
29 assistance funding authorized under (a) or (b) of this subsection and
30 additional local effort assistance funding equal to the following
31 amounts:

32 (i) Nine hundred fifty dollars per pupil for small school
33 districts that have one hundred or fewer annual full-time equivalent
34 enrolled students; and

35 (ii) Seven hundred fifty dollars per pupil for small school
36 districts that have more than one hundred but fewer than three
37 hundred annual full-time equivalent enrolled students.

38 (3) The state local effort assistance funding provided under this
39 section is not part of the state's program of basic education deemed

1 by the legislature to comply with the requirements of Article IX,
2 section 1 of the state Constitution.

3 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
4 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

5 (a) "Eligible school district" means a school district where the
6 amount generated by a levy of one dollar and fifty cents per thousand
7 dollars of assessed value in the school district, divided by the
8 school district's total student enrollment in the prior school year,
9 is less than the state local effort assistance threshold.

10 (b) For the purpose of this section, "inflation" means, for any
11 school year, the rate of the yearly increase of the previous calendar
12 year's annual average consumer price index for all urban consumers,
13 Seattle area, using the official current base compiled by the bureau
14 of labor statistics, United States department of labor.

15 (c) "Maximum local effort assistance" means the difference
16 between the following:

17 (i) The school district's actual prior school year enrollment
18 multiplied by the state local effort assistance threshold; and

19 (ii) The amount generated by a levy of one dollar and fifty cents
20 per thousand dollars of assessed value in the school district.

21 (d) "Prior school year" means the most recent school year
22 completed prior to the year in which the state local effort
23 assistance funding is to be distributed.

24 (e) "State local effort assistance threshold" means one thousand
25 five hundred fifty dollars per student, increased for inflation
26 beginning in calendar year 2020.

27 (f) "Student enrollment" means the average annual full-time
28 equivalent student enrollment.

29 (5) For districts in a high/nonhigh relationship, the enrollments
30 of the nonhigh students attending the high school shall only be
31 counted by the nonhigh school districts for purposes of funding under
32 this section.

33 (6) For school districts participating in an innovation academy
34 cooperative established under RCW 28A.340.080, enrollments of
35 students attending the academy shall be adjusted so that each
36 participant district receives its proportional share of student
37 enrollments for purposes of funding under this section.

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